

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:45 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 8th day of January 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Cason	Council Members
Lori Nail	
Charles Orean	
Dr. Roy Turner	
Bob Whistler	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Michael Wells	Assistant City Secretary
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Communications/Special Projects Manager
Bill Syblon	Director of Development Services

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:45 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed approving the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 2 and 4. .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

- a) **Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation for Central Well and Millican Well Service.**
- b) **Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss pending or contemplated litigation for Central Well and Millican Well

Service and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at approximately 8:37 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 9:11 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Regular session began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Kevin Smith, Faith Christian Fellowship Church)

Pastor Kevin Smith of Faith Christian Fellowship Church was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Story gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Cason, seconded by Councilman Orean to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s) 2 and 4.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

There was no Council recognition during tonight's meeting.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. **Bob Cochran, 2252 Bedford Circle – Requested to speak to Council regarding more than 2 ½ minutes of comments on drilling in Bedford.**

Bob Cochran, 2252 Bedford Circle – Mr. Cochran indicated he has visited gas drilling sites and feels they are less intrusive aesthetically than something like a transmission substation. He discussed plausible locations for gas drilling sites and complimented the City staff for the research done on the City's website. He feels the gas-drilling ordinance should have distance exemptions if approved by the property owners.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **December 18, 2007 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Presentation of the results of the employee climate survey that was given to employees in September and October 2007.

Jill McAdams, Director of Human Resources, and Joel Bennett and Ashleigh Schwab of Organizational Wellness and Learning Systems presented information to the Council regarding the climate survey for 2007.

Overall, the results were positive and addressed the following areas: Employee attitudes and beliefs, compensation and benefits, work environment, director supervisor(s), department head(s), city management and employee wellness. They also provided a comparison between the results of the survey and the 2006 strategic goals. Graphs were provided to Council and Mr. Bennett, Ms. Schwab and Ms. McAdams fielded any questions Council had pertaining to the reports.

4. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Digital Camera Meeting Acquisition System for the Council Chambers from Rushworks in the amount of \$26,060.00.

This item was approved by consent.

5. Council member reports on City business.

Mayor Story – The Mayor stated that there is a pep rally Thursday at the Trinity Gym for the Trinity football team. He went to the Family Video and it is a very nice store. He reminded citizens about the Town Hall meeting tomorrow night on drilling. He also mentioned that the Police awards banquet will be held this Saturday. He wanted Council to know that the Volunteer banquet is the same night as the HEB Hall of Fame banquet, so please let staff know which one they want to attend.

Charles Orean – Mr. Orean wished everybody a Happy New Year.

Roy Turner – Dr. Turner congratulated the Trinity Football Team for winning the state championship.

6. City Manager's report.

City Manager Beverly Queen announced that the Northeast Leadership Forum meeting will be held on January 16. TML and the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners will be presenting the 2008 Elected Officials Conference from February 1-3.

7. Follow-up on issues raised at previous Council Meetings under persons to be heard.

- a) Waiver of street escrow fees on Woodpark Lane as requested by Paul Moss at the Council Meeting of December 18, 2007.**

Council discussed granting a waiver of street escrow fees to Paul Moss as requested and discussed at the last Council meeting. Ms. Queen stated that research has shown that developments west of Cheek - Sparger have paid escrow fees. To open up Woodpark Lane to the south the City would need to

reacquire a right-of-way. If they abandoned that particular section of Woodpark there is a zoning issue since it is a commercial property abutting a residential property. More research will be done and brought back before Council.

8. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

OPEN FORUM

Keith Quigley, 3849 Berkshire Lane – The barricade on Woodpark Lane is next to his driveway. Cars frequently speed on Cummings while there are a lot of people who walk and jog in that area. He fears that if the barricade is opened then some people may get killed. Speed bumps need to be installed if the barricade is removed. Regarding gas drilling, he believes that quality of life is not based just on economics and that it would be negatively affected by having gas drilling in the city.

Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle - Ms. Johnson requested from Council that she be added as a speaker at the town hall meeting. She learned that five speakers have been added to the meeting that she feels are pro-drilling and pro-leasing. She wants to give a brief and concise presentation of concerns and to be given 25 minutes to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary